

I feel it is necessary to retain the Morse requirement for an Amateur Radio License to operate on the HF Bands. We need to maintain a core of capable CW operators to handle emergency messages when other methods of communications fail. Communications via CW can be accomplished when propagation problems make communication via voice modes and even other digital not possible.

Elimination of the Morse Requirement will in the long run materially decrease the number of Amateur Radio operators capable of communicating via CW.

I sincerely hope the FCC will retain the Morse Requirement to insure that we, in this country, continue to have a large number of radio operators capable of communicating via the Morse Code.